

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

HA-2173

Property Name: Rainbow Farm Inventory Number: HA-2713

Address: 1516 Clayton Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no

City: Joppa Zip Code: 21085 County: Harford

USGS Quadrangle(s): Edgewood

Property Owner: Paul and Phebe Intihar Tax Account ID Number: 103822

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 50 Tax Map Number: 65

Project: Section 200: I-95, North of MD 43 to North of MD 22 Agency: Maryland Transportation Authority

Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company

Preparer's Name: Emma Young Date Prepared: 9/27/2006

Documentation is presented in: Harford County Office of Land Records, Bel Air, Maryland.

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no

Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description:

Rainbow Farm, located at 1516 Clayton Road, Joppa, Harford County, Maryland consists of a two-and-a-half-story, circa-1930, frame structure comprised of an amalgamation of additions and extensions so that the original footprint is not discernible. The dwelling is partially banked into a hill that slopes downward from south to north. Only the north and east elevations of the dwelling were accessible during field investigations.

A shallow-pitched, side-gabled roof caps the two-and-a-half-story, front (south) block of the dwelling. Presumably, based upon the symmetrical façade and rusticated concrete block foundation, the southern block was the original dwelling. A concrete-block interior chimney protrudes from the southeast corner of the roof. A two-story, shed-roof addition, the details of which were not available during the field visit, extends off of the west elevation of the front block.

The northern part of the dwelling consists of a three-and-a-half-story, steeply pitched gabled block (rear block). A wooden sign reading "Rainbow Farm" denotes the entrance to the short gravel driveway that leads west from Clayton Road to a one-story, two-car, concrete-block garage that comprises the foundation of the rear block. A one-story, hipped-roof addition extends outward from

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the north and east elevations of the northern part of the dwelling.

The entry occupies the southernmost bay on the east elevation of the rear block. Seven wooden steps lead to a one-bay landing situated in front of the main entry into the dwelling. A single, wooden post supports the asphalt shingle-clad shed roof that shelters the single-leaf, modern, plywood door that provides access into the interior.

Aluminum siding covers the exterior of the dwelling. Single, one-over-one light, double-hung sash, aluminum windows light the interior of the dwelling on both the front and rear blocks.

Unmanaged vegetation overgrowth wholly covers the remains of the associated outbuildings that are located immediately to the north of the dwelling. Mature vegetation and overgrowth prohibited access to the rear of the property. Overall, the property, which comprises a total of 15.29 acres, sits in fair condition.

Historical Narrative:

By a deed dated February 20, 1913, John Z. DeBow conveyed to Henry Amos a 126-acre farm in Harford County. Amos took out a mortgage for the property but by August 1916, had defaulted on the mortgage. The property was sold at public auction, and was ratified by the Court on August 26, 1916 (Harford County Equity Docket U: Folio 54). The farm was conveyed to Robert B. Elliott by a deed dated January 13, 1917 (Harford County Land Record Liber 155, Folio 10). Elliott retained the farm for over six years before selling it to Claude Hammond and Frank Hammond on November 10, 1923 (Harford County Land Record Liber 186, Folio 33). About eight months later, the 126-acre farm was solely vested in Claude Hammond. This deed was dated July 5, 1924.

Eleven years later, Baltimore City residents Claude and Rhea Hammond conveyed a smaller, 45-acre tract of land to Edward and Josephine Heintz. The deed does not specifically mention any improvements, so it is unclear if the Hammonds sold off an unseated tract land to the Heintzs or if the Hammonds sold off the buildings associated with their farm on a smaller parcel to the Heintzs. The present-day dwelling, although highly altered, presents the appearance of a circa-1930 dwelling.

During the Heintz's ownership of the farm on Clayton Road, the Northeastern Expressway (present-day Interstate 95/John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway) was constructed along the western edge of the farm.

By a deed dated August 25, 1970, Edward and Josephine Heintz conveyed present-day 1516 Clayton Road and 18.31 acres to widower Thomas Archer Gatch (Harford County Land Record Liber 854, Folio 101). Gatch retained the property until November 13, 1979. At the time of the sale to William and Phebe Whitehead, the property measured 15.29 acres, having been further reduced by an additional acquisition by the State of Maryland in 1973 for land adjoining Interstate 95 (Harford County Land Record Liber 937, Folio 701).

In 1992, the Whiteheads later divorced and as part of a settlement agreement, Phebe Whitehead was awarded the 15.29-acre property and subsequently named it "Rainbow Farm." Phebe Whitehead apparently later remarried, and she and her husband, Paul Louis Intihar, currently retain ownership of 1516 Clayton Road.

Agricultural Diversification in the Early Twentieth Century

Despite the growth of the railroad in the late-nineteenth century, Harford County retained its rural character that the county had boasted since its creation in 1773. Although the county continued to maintain its rural character into the twentieth century, farmers altered some of their agricultural practices in these years. They experimented with both new products and techniques, such as gasoline-powered tractors, which revolutionized tilling and allowed for greater yields. With transportation improvements, many

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farmers converted their lots into truck farms, so named because the farmers could grow bulkier or heavier crops and transport them markets in larger vehicles such as trucks, which replaced horse-drawn wagons.

During this time, several farmers in Harford County began expanding their multipurpose barns to accommodate milking parlors on the ground floor. Milk houses became commonplace as well. Thus, the agricultural landscape, including individual farm complexes, shifted with this trend towards incorporating dairying practices into the crop farming regime.

Statement of Significance:

Rainbow Farm, located at 1516 Clayton Road, Joppa, Harford County, Maryland, is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property has undergone severe alterations and additions that detract from the overall historical integrity of the farm. Furthermore, the property no longer reflects its historic agrarian use due to the removal of outbuildings and the overgrowth of the associated pastureland.

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past;
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory.

Rainbow Farm is not associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion A.

Rainbow Farm is not eligible under Criterion B as it has no known association with individuals of historical importance.

The dwelling lacks the architectural distinctiveness necessary to qualify it for listing in the National Register under Criterion C. The dwelling contains modern alterations and additions and does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. The dwelling does not represent the work of a master nor does it possess high artistic values. Therefore, the dwelling is not eligible under Criterion C.

The property was not evaluated for eligibility under Criterion D as part of the current investigation.

Integrity:

The dwelling located on Rainbow Farm has undergone numerous alterations and additions to the point that the original form and style are no longer discernible. Therefore, the dwelling does not possess integrity of materials, design, or workmanship. Furthermore, the removal of adjacent outbuildings, as well as modern development encroaching to the east, has detracted from integrity of setting and location. Consequently, the property no longer retains integrity of association or feeling.

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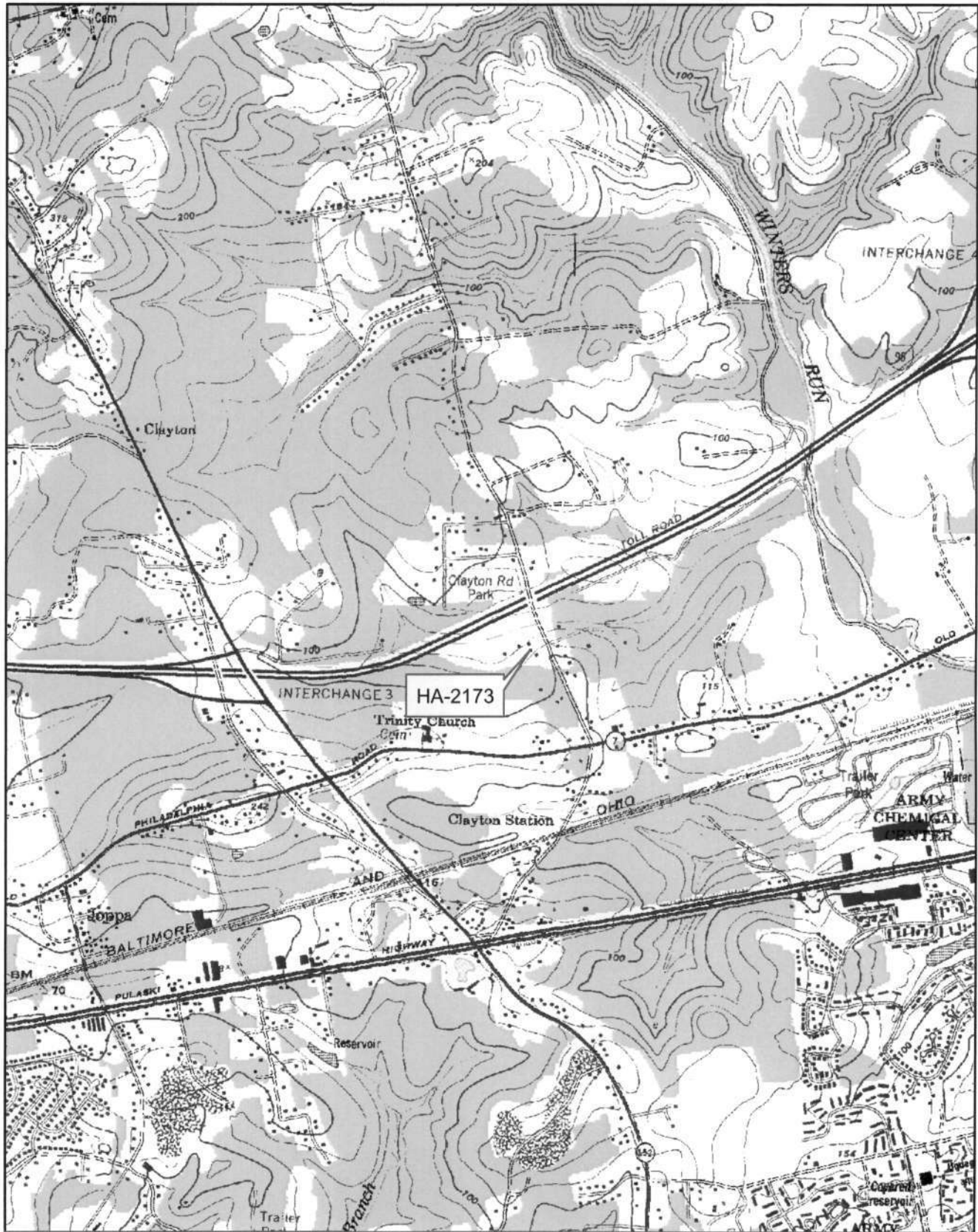
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Source: Edgewood USGS 9.5"
Topo Quadrangle (1985)



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Main dwelling, east & north elevations, view to SW

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